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TOPIC Soviet Troops loaded in Wurzen and Leipzig-Taucha 25X1

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1. On 15 April 1951, about 700 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, nine 76.2-mm AT guns, and an undetermined amount of trucks with 25X1 loaded at the Wurzen (N 52/E 42) railroad station. 25X1

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2. 25X1 about 5,000 Soviet troops were stationed in Wurzen. They included a tank unit with T-34s, and JSs; an AT artillery unit; a rocket launcher unit; and a mortar unit. 25X1X

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3. On 16 April, a unit of about 400 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, which had come from the Heiterblick Kaserne in Leipzig, was loaded with its materiel at the Taucha (N 52/E 31) railroad station. The materiel of the unit included 70 motorcycles with sidecars; 3 motorcycles; 13 two-axle armored personnel carriers, 25X1 5 x 47-mm AT guns with trucks, 25X1 trucks, 25X1 ambulance, 25X1 truck 25X1 occupied by a lieutenant colonel; and billeting equipment which was brought to the station on several trucks. Truck/ 25X1 remained at the post. 25X1

4. On 17 April, another troop train of 15 to 20 coaches, 15 boxcars, and 10 flatcars was loaded at the Taucha railroad station. The unit boarding the train numbered about 400 officers and men who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with 25X1 insignia. Its materiel included 10 T-34/85 tanks 25X1 and an undetermined number of trucks 25X1 Truck/ 25X1 was seen hauling troops to the railroad station, but returned to the barracks installation afterwards. \*

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- \* 25X1 Comment. The units of the 8th Gds Mecz Div which, 25X1 were loaded, included the 20th Gds Mecz Regt from the Plak Kaserne, Wurzen; and the 21st Gds Mecz Regt with elements of the 69th Gds Tank Bn from the Plak Kaserne in Leipzig-Heiterblick. Some of these movements have also been observed by other sources. Since the movement to Koenigsbrueck of the 19th Gds Mecz Regt from Chemnitz and

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the 350th (?) How Arty Regt from Eilenburg was also observed by other sources, it is believed that the largest part of the 8th Gds Mecz Div has been at Krenigsbrueck since the end of April 1951. [REDACTED]

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